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## NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

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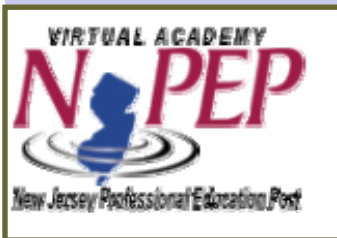
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### Front Page Items: <http://www.njpep.org/>

1. **NJPEP\_PDonline news.** Plan for next year's course offerings. See <http://www.njpep.org/pd/onlinePD>.
  - Cost for a 15 PDH online course will likely be \$120 as of July 1, 2007.
  - Keep checking **NJPEP\_PDonline** at [pdonline@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:pdonline@doe.state.nj.us) for new course offerings.
  - Current professional development is
    - a. Middle School Mathematics,
    - b. ELL in the Mainstream
    - c. Online Facilitation, and
    - d. Early Literacy: Comprehension
  - Check for more early literacy courses in the spring 2007.
2. **CHECK IT OUT!**
  - **Did you know that the Excel Principal's program** (<http://www.njexcel.org>) at New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA) uses online videos and related questions from The Video Journal of Education & TeachStream (<http://www.schoolimprovement.com>)? Check out Differentiated Instruction, Assessment, and much more.
  - **Physics can be fun!** Try the Virtual Physics Simulations (<http://www.hazelwood.k12.mo.us/%7Egrichert/sciweb/applets.html>)
  - In **Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning** (published by Learning Point Associates, the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory [NCREL]) states that an estimated 36% of all districts in the U.S. have students enrolled in online courses.
  - The NJDOE is leading an effort to provide **all urban middle and high school students** with improved college prep curricula, personalized small learning communities, and family/student advocacy by fall 2008.
  - **Four New Jersey School Districts Received U.S.E.D. Grants for World Languages.** The districts and languages are: East Windsor (Spanish), Fair Lawn (Mandarin Chinese), Northern Valley (Chinese), and Vernon Township (Mandarin Chinese).
  - **The current NJDOE grant opportunities** include
    - **The Governor's Initiative on Autism** (proposals due December 14, 2006), &
    - **Mathematics and Science Partnership Program** (proposals due January 18, 2007).

## Professional Development

1. **Einstein Fellowship seeks candidates for 2007-2008 school year - Application period now open!** The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship is a paid fellowship for K-12 math, science, and technology teachers. Einstein Fellows spend a school year in Washington, DC serving in a federal agency or on Capitol Hill. To be considered for an Einstein Fellowship, apply and submit three letters of recommendation online by January 8, 2007.  
**Apply online at:** <https://applicationlink.labworks.org/applicationlink/default.htm> .  
**For more information, visit:** [www.trianglecoalition.org/ein.htm](http://www.trianglecoalition.org/ein.htm) .  
**Contact:** Andrea Bodmann at [bodmanna@triangle-coalition.org](mailto:bodmanna@triangle-coalition.org) .
2. **New Jersey Audubon Society, 2006 Professional Development Workshops for Teachers.** Click on their calendar of workshops: <http://www.njaudubon.org/Education/ProfDev.html>.
3. **Novice Teacher Induction Seminars:** Common Concerns of Beginning Teachers, and School Law. December 13, 2006, at PSE&G – Edison, NJ. By Beginning Teacher Induction Center  
Cost: \$90.00. Call 856 256-4730. **Register by December 1, 2006.**
4. **Early Childcare Conference** at Raritan Valley Community College, March 31, 2007. **Submit Proposals by December 8, 2006.** Call (908) 526-1200 ext. 8235 or 8377, or email [cce@raritanval.edu](mailto:cce@raritanval.edu).



## Professional Development Opportunities (cont.)

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New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Web site:  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

Professional Standards Web site:  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

Contact Information for Professional Standards:  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

Evaluation and Assessment Web site:  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

Contact Information for Evaluation and Assessment:  
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### 5. Professional Learning Opportunity: Save-the-Date

Rick DuFour, a premier educator and national presenter, will be in New Jersey for a one-day institute entitled *Professional Learning Communities at Work: Best Practices for Enhancing Student Achievement*.

**Date:** April 17, 2007

**Location:** Ramada Inn and Conference Center, East Windsor, NJ.

**For registration information,** visit the New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development site [www.njascd.org](http://www.njascd.org) or the New Jersey Professional Education Port [www.njpep.org](http://www.njpep.org).

## Parents and Students

1. **National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education-** Check out their resources and events. <http://www.ncpie.org/>
2. **PBS Kids Go** (<http://pbskids.org/go/>) has a great area: **ZOOM** (<http://pbskids.org/zoom/>)! You'd be surprised how much learning goes on while a young child is having fun.
3. **Lowe's Charitable And Education Foundation--Lowe's Toolbox For Education.** Lowe's will donate \$5,000,000 to schools and school parent-teacher groups, to increase parent involvement, build stronger community spirit, and create new school traditions.  
**Funding Amount:** Up to \$5,000 per school is available.  
**Application Deadline:** February 15, 2007.  
For more information, go to: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com>.
4. **"Education News Parents Can Use"** a USED broadcast: November 21, 8-9 p.m. A conversation with experts from school districts, associations, and other organizations about what is being done in our nation's schools and communities to ensure that students graduate with the ability to communicate in critical languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, and Hindi. See <http://www.ed.gov/news/av/video/edtv/index.html>.

## Selected Classroom Resources for November

1. **Classroom Organization and Workstations** - Including links related to one computer classrooms.  
[http://www.internet4classrooms.com/classroom\\_organization.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/classroom_organization.htm)
2. **Mrs. Mitchell's Virtual School-** Links related to various content areas.  
<http://www.kathimitchell.com/>
3. **Some of Skip Fennell's Favorite Math Activities** - Four activities related to numbers and numerical operations.  
<http://www.teachingk-8.com/teachersk8/images/content/pdf/SkipFennellActivities.pdf>
4. Check out **The Democracy Project** from PBS. Students can pretend to be the President or learn about voting.  
<http://pbskids.org/democracy/>
5. **Veteran's Day Crafts, Projects, and Printouts** from Enchanted Learning for PreK-elementary students.  
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/veterans/>
6. **Space Day Design Challenges Teacher's Guide** - Design Challenges encourage students to use creative problem solving, critical thinking skills and team work to find solutions to real challenges encountered by people living and working in space.  
<http://www.spaceday.com/conmgmt/pdf/TeachersGuide.pdf>